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For: ALIGNMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR ALIGNING STACKED DEVICES

: Examiner: D. Bryant

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Requirement for Election of Species issued October 22, 2002, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Species A, Figures 3-5 and 8A-9, readable on claims 1-14 and 18-22. In addition, applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the requirement for election of species. It is noted that applicants are entitled to examination of a reasonable number of species. (MPEP §806.04(a)). It would appear that there would be significant overlap in the search and examination involved for each of Species A, B and C, such that search and examination of the three species should not be deemed an unreasonable number of species. Accordingly, examination of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.